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1. Nurdin bin Ibrahim, a former police inspector of the Federation of Malaya and a reputed smuggler, lives at 318 Onan Road, Singapore. He is manager of the Singapore branch of PERSDI (Perseruan Dagang Indonesia) (Indonesian Trading Co., Ltd.), an Indonesian export-import firm established in November 1949.
2. Carlton A. Hire *, who was recently released by the Dutch after serving a prison sentence for arms smuggling, is the Singapore agent for PERSDI.
3. Headquarters of PERSDI is at Bukittinggi, Sumatra. Its directors are Hamor bin Taib, Ramli bin Karim, Junurhan bin D. Puteh, and Nasrun bin Sutan.
4. Besides the Singapore branch which is at 31 Boat Quay, PERSDI has branches in Padang, Pekanbaru, Djambi, and Djakarta.

25X1A6a * ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Hire, a shipsbroker, with American flyers Onstott, Segrist, and Hallam, was involved in the Airabu Island smuggling case which resulted in their trial and imprisonment by the Dutch. Hire's sentence in February 1949 was for seven years but he returned to Singapore in November 1949 after being released.

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